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NOTICE

THERE SHALL BE A MEETING OF THE
SISTER CITY ADVISORY TASK FORCE

DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1996
TIME: 3:00 P.M.
PLACE: MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM
HONOLULU HALE, THIRD FLOOR
CHAIR: COUNCILMEMBER RENE MANSHO

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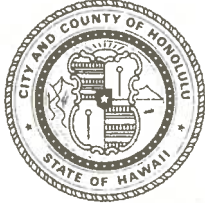
AGENDA

- . Membership to National Organization
- . Committee Reports:
 - 1. Policy/Intergovernmental
 - 2. Economic Development
 - 3. Cultural

If you have any questions or comments, contact the IGR Committee via its e-mail address at: igr@gold.chem.hawaii.edu.

Note: The public is invited to attend this task force meeting for information. Oral testimony will not be accepted.

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SISTER CITIES ADVISORY TASK FORCE MEETING MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM SEPTEMBER 17, 1996 MINUTES

I. Meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Councilmember Rene Mansho

II. ATTENDANCE:

A. Committee Members:

Rene Mansho, Councilmember (Co-Chair)
Lynette Char, Mayor's Office (Co-Chair)
Kenneth Chong, Chinese Chamber
Paul Rehob, Vietnamese-American Chamber
Valerie Evans, Honolulu Community College
Ronald Ushijima, Japanese Chamber
Audrey Keesing, N.O.W.

B. Others in Attendance:

Michelle Kidani, Councilmember Mansho Staff

III. Committee Reports

A. POLICY: General Wolff is unable to attend today. There were no objections to changing some criteria to become a sister city as discussed at last month's meeting.

1. As part of the application process, a form will be developed to request certain information from prospective sister cities to help us maintain a database and a contact point. Information to be asked should include:
 - local contact
 - local sponsor(s) or affiliate organization
2. The formal process to establish a sister city relationship is still through introduction of a Resolution which is adopted by the Council. The Sister City Advisory Task Force will make recommendations to the City Council based upon the applicant information and could also include:
 - personal presentation should be made by the applicant
 - inquiry to the State Department regarding national policy pertaining to applicant
 - inquiry to ethnic Chamber re applicant
 - inquiry to Consulate, if applicable, re applicant

3. Policy Committee needs to put these recommendations in writing for approval so we can move forward on recommendations on cities currently interested in sister city relationships:

- Phuket (Thailand)
- Dalian, Zhongshan, Hangzhon and Qingtao (China)

B. Economic Development Committee (Paul Rehob)

1. The economic opportunities should also be a major consideration
 - what can they do for Honolulu; what can we do for them
 - what opportunities will we have to participate in each other's economic development
 - the questions and responses should be used in decision-making
2. Paul Rehob will develop the "grid" to be used as a progress and status report of activities.

C. Cultural Committee:

1. Japan-American Conference of Mayors and Chamber of Commerce Presidents has invited this task force to participate as a separate committee in the conference organization.
 - Our sister cities in Japan are Hiroshima, Tokyo and Naha City in Okinawa
2. There were no objections to this task force participating
 - we need a working committee to participate as a separate subcommittee to attend their meetings
 - also need a representative to serve on their planning committee
 - Paul suggested using the ethnic chambers as the focus group and he would volunteer
3. Audrey would like to invite banking executives from Japan to discuss banking and telecommunications

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Lynette Char indicated that she has not yet received any information from Sister Cities International regarding dues and request for membership.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next meeting is scheduled for **October 15th, 3:00 p.m.** in the Mayor's Conference Room

VI. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.